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## VAST INCOME FOR SAILORS' SNUG HARBOR IS BEING HOARDED UP.



## BIRDSEYE VIEW OF SAILORS' SNUG HARBOR, WHICH IS UNDERGOING INVESTIGATION.

Surplus of More Than a Million Dollars Already Accumulated in the Coffers of the Philanthropic Trust.

His purpose was to care for men who have worn themselves out fighting with the sea. The benefactor was an old seaman himself. He knew the struggles of the life on the water and the distresses that come with age and poverty. He determined, therefore, to do what he could to bring ease, comfort and even luxury to such of his fellow mariners as might be unable to care for themselves.

This old sulfor, Robert Richard Randall, had a farm on Manhattan Island. It is said of him that when he reached a period in life at which death might be expected soon to make his call, he conferred with his latimate friend, Alexander Hamilton, thout the making of a will.

"I have no relatives," said be, "except the chiairen of a brother. To them I shall leave a few thousand pounds; what shall I do with the rest?"

A Home for Aged Sailors.

A Home for Aged Sailors. "You have been a seaman," said Hamilton. "You love the sea and the men who follow it. Already you have done much for sallors. Why not found a Sallors' Home and Refuge, to be equipped from your estate?"

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"Draw up a will and found the home."
And Alexander Hamilton drew the will.
This document drawn with all the formal precision that marked the compositions of Hamilton, bugins in this wise:
In the name of God, Ame, I, Robert Richard Randall, of the Seventh Ward of the City of New York, being weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and ordern this my just will and testament.

The will directed that an annulfy of 40 be paid to the legitimate children of his brother during the time that they were under the age of lifteen years, and directed also that a legacy of £1,000 be paid to each upon attaining the age of twenty-one years.

To Betsy Hart, his housekeeper, he bequeathed his gold sleeve buttons and an annulty of £40.

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To Adam Shields, "my faithful overseer," he gave his gold watch and a legacy of \$40.

To Gram arrin he bequeathed his shoe

FOUNDER INTENDED THAT IT SHOULD BE SPENT.

Robert Richard Randall Willed That the Income of His Estate
Should Go to the Maintenance of Old Sailors—Property
Includes Land Worth Millions.

Fig. 1. The Word of Sailors in the Sailor Sailors of the Sa in the Snug Harbor on Staten Island
were to breakfast on plover's eggs and
Johannisberger, to lunch on pate de foiegras, woodcock and champagne, to dine
on canvasbock duels and Burgundy; if they
were to smoke the costliest cigars imported
from fighting Cuba: if they were to dress
in silk and broadcloth, they might possibly
spend the income of the splendid estate
left by their benefactor. But the old
saliors are not permitted even beer at the
Snug Harbor, and the estate has a million
dollars surplus.

This trust that conducts the Snug Harbor
was established when the century was
young.

The "unearned increment" has
made it prodigiously rich; and it is
hourding money. The man who established the trust had no purpose
that the money should lie in banks
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And I do hereby direct that the said income of the said personal and real estate given as aforesaid to my said charity trustees shall forever hereafter be used and applied for supporting the asylum or marine buspital hereby directed to be built, and for marintaining silor of the saylum or marine buspital hereby directed to be built, and for marintaining silor of the saylum or marine buspital hereby directed to be built, and for marintaining silor of the saylum or marine buspital hereby directed and treates are allowed by the modern of the first saylum or marine buspital hereby directed and treated should be personal to be built, and for marintaining silor of the marine soling, and their predecessors, should forever continue, and their predecessors, should forever continue, and be the governous thereof, and have the superintendence of the man, and it is my will and deare that if it cannot legally be done according to my above intention by them without an act of the Legislature to incomposate them for the purposes above specified.

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In the last twenty years, according to the reports made by the corporation, the sum of \$274,330.74 was expended for the erection of buildings. These reports, which are made every year to the Assembly, are made every year to the Assembly, are rather more interesting than instructive.

From 1833, when the home was established under the terms of the will, to 1877, itemized reports were presented. In the last twenty years—that is to say, from 1877 to 1897—no itemized reports have been made.

The reports merely show the following statements: Receipts, balance of cash on hand at the end of the previous year, sundries sold by the governor of the institution, rents during the year, interest on investments, accounts of money loaned on mortgages, amounts drawn from trustees.

The fixed accounts under disbursements for twenty years and insurance, improvements and repairs, balance of cash on hand at the end of the year, purchases of bonds, erection of new buildings.

The total receipts and disbursements for twenty years balance each other at \$8,268, 961.94. This enormous sum gives an idea of the magnitude of the business conducted by the corporation that have charge of the Sallors' Snug Harbor. The cash receipts (241,306, making the total cash receipts \$6,241,306, making the total cash receipts the corporation has received in the last twenty years \$2,590,000 more than has been paid for current expenses.

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of this one million dollars is accounted for by the reserve fund, and the remainder seems to be accounted for in "repairs and improvements." selder aftends the meeting, and trooks. Diligent inquiry has been made to goin says that in the press of his official duties, the facts about the large sum supposed to

From these reports then, the principal inductions are:

First, The existence of a reserve fund of a million dollars or more, and stendily increasing.

Second, Rental of property at prices below the prevailing rate, because of undervaluations purposely made, and the rental being computed upon the basis of this lower valuation.

Third, An expense of a million and a half and more for "repairs and improvements," details of which expenses are not included in the report The buildings at Snug Harbor do not suggest to an ordinary observer how such a sum had been spent for "repairs and improvements."

So much for the finances under the man

wornout and discrepit."

The trustees say that this Snug Harbor shall be a place of rest only for those aged, decrepit or worn-out sailors who have salled under the American flag. To get into that fine house over on Staten Island the sailor must be either a native born American or, if foreign born, he must turnish satisfactory evidence that he sailed for at least five years under the flag of the United States, either in the navy or in the merchant marine.

Randall himself was of Scotch extrac-tion. He was a man of very liberal mind,



Comptroller Greenleaf, of Sallors' Snug Harbor.

swered with precision? Here are some pertinent questions:

What has been the disposition
of a million and a half of dollars
expended in the last twenty years
a charged in the report to "repay, and improvements?"

Why is it that a million dollars
has been permitted to accumulate, and why is this sam not
spent for additional buildings
and care of more sailors?

Why is it that restrictions not
included in the will of the
founder are im-oned by the trustrees of Sang Harbor?

Why is it that complete itemlæd reports of financial conditions are not made?

Why is it that property owned
by the corporation should be
rented under long leases at a
price below the ruling market
value of such leasehold?

In these questions no suggestion is made

the Board of Trustees has acted otherwise than honestly.

The Snug Harbor now has 870 occupants. It is to be presumed that there are many more than these 870 eligible for admission. Is it right, then, that a million dollars should be piled in sordid uselessness, when the purpose of the man through whose estate it was accumulated was that his money should be USED for a distinct purpose, that purpose being the care of aged, worn-out and decrepit scamen?

Within the next two months there will be some changes in the personnel of the Board. Is it too much to expect that when this change comes the questions suggested by this newspaper's investigation should be asked with authority and anawered with precision? Here are some pertinent questions:

What has been the disposition No Reflections Made. None would be so silly as even to hint

WILL LIGHT BY CONTRACT.

Freeholders of Hudson County Adopt New Plans for Their Electric

Light Plant. The Hudson County, N. J., Board of Freeholders has decided to light the Hudson ing the costly electric light plant now in operation. Numerous complaints regarding the inefficiency of the county employen in charge of the plant and of frequent breaking down of the machinery have been

In these questions no suggestion is made plant, which is located at Snake Hill, has or intended that any of the members of cost the county nearly \$100,000.